Governor of Nagaland on behalf of the Government of India and the re-preventatives of the underground organisations, broadly a solution to the political problems of Nagaland has been found. Democratically elected Governments have been functioning smoothly and handling the affairs of the State in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Bonded labour in Kodai hills. Tamil Nadu

1086. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN;

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

Ca) what is the number of Sri Lankan Tamil repatriate families released from bonded labour in Kodai Hills last year; and

(b) what steps have been taken to rehabilitate those families?

'[HE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA); (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the State Government of Tamil Nadu.

Racket in lottery business

1087. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that State lottery business in the shape of instant lottery' running into crores of rupees has become a well organised racket, the major victims of which are the lower ana economi-cally backward strata of people;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite Entry 40 in the Union List incorporated in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, no law has so far been brought before Parliament to curb such practice; if so, what are the rea. sons therefore; and

(e) by when such a law is proposed to be brought forth and what seteps have so far been taken in that direc tion? "

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Specific complaints when received are. referred for appropriate action to the state Governments/ Union Territories Administrations. In January, 19-87 they have been requested to Teview the desirability of running of instant lotteries in the light of the guidelines issued from the Central Govt, from time to time.

(b) and (c) The Central Government is not running any lottery. So far as State lotteries or private lotteries are concerned, the State Governments have largely confirmed that guidelines issued by the Centre are being followed. Therefore a Central Legislation is not presently under consideration..

Import licences for Audio Visual Equipments

1088. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import licences for the import of audiovisual equipments were given to certain news agencies and newspapers recently;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether any such licence was given to Hindustan Samachar and if not, in whose name, it was issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The details of Customs Clearance Permits issued to Shri Peter Kerbs of